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Inventor: Raymond Gutierrez
For: I.V. Catheter Assembly With
Blood Exposure Prevention
Our Ref. J711-002 CON

Sir:

The above-identified utility patent application is a **continuation** application of U.S. Serial No. 10/300,394, filed November 20, 2002 and is transmitted herewith for filing.

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1. 16 Pages English Appln., including 9 Claims and 1 Pg. Abstract;
2. 3 Sheets of Drawings, Figs. 1-8;
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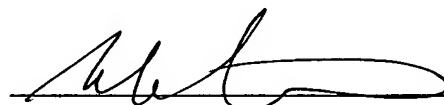
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